

Spring Session Report 2008

**Official Opposition Speaks Out for Safer Roads, Better Public Transit,
a Cleaner Environment, Better Health Care**

Darshan Kang, Shadow Minister for Transportation and Service Alberta



Darshan Kang has finished his first sitting of the Legislature as an MLA, and he's lived up to the Official Opposition's commitment to hold the government accountable for its actions.

Darshan is the Shadow Minister for two cabinet ministries: Transportation and Service Alberta. Darshan's role is to ensure that the

government is keeping our highways properly maintained, that public transit meets the growing needs of our citizens, that the government vehicle fleet is environmentally sound, and that government programs meet the needs of Albertans. As a citizen and MLA, he's also concerned by the state of public health care, Calgary's growing infrastructure needs, public education and the environment.

Here are the topics Darshan raised in the Legislature on your behalf:

Transportation

Highways 55, 63 and 727
Highway Maintenance
Calgary International Airport
Commercial Vehicle Inspection
Southwest Calgary Ring Road
High-speed Rail Link

Public Services

Protection of Personal Information
Utilities Consumer Advocate

Education

Calgary Urban Campus Project
High School Completion

Environment

Vehicle Emissions
Energy Efficiency of Government Vehicle Fleet

Health Care

Funding Formula for Regional Health Authorities

Darshan Kang in the Legislature

"The Calgary International Airport, in my constituency of Calgary-McCall, is key to business and prosperity in this province and this country. We need to put in place effective transportation infrastructure so that this fast-growing area can fulfill its potential in the coming years. A major part of the infrastructure is a tunnel to take the Airport Trail eastward under the new runway.

My questions are to the Minister of Transportation. What role is this government playing alongside the city of Calgary and the federal government in planning for the Airport Trail tunnel?"

"In 2006 none of the government ministers who were offered an executive vehicle assignment chose a hybrid or low-emission vehicle.... Why not show real leadership and set fuel efficiency standards for these vehicles?"

"Much has been heard in recent days about the cabinet's generous self-appointed pay raises. In addition to this very generous pay boost, government ministers are lucky enough to get \$45,000 from the Alberta taxpayers to buy themselves a car. My questions are to the Minister of Service Alberta. Since you and your fellow ministers recently gave yourselves a huge pay hike, will the ministers now buy their own cars?"

"The citizens of Calgary are beginning to wonder why their health care needs are being neglected. It is time for this government to start putting patients first."

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